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TWO VOICES RISE UP

JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH: *"This is a circus. The consequences will be with us for decades. You may defeat me in the final vote, but you'll never get me to quit — never."*

CHRISTINE BLASEY FORD: *"I believed he was going to rape me. I tried to yell for help. When I did, Brett put his hand over my mouth to stop me from yelling. This is what terrified me the most."*

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JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH was often tearful as he testified to the committee on Thursday about the toll the allegations by Ford and others have taken on his family.

MICHAEL REYNOLDS | POOL PHOTO VIA AP

"I AM HERE today not because I want to be," said Christine Blasey Ford at the beginning of her testimony Thursday to the Senate Judiciary Committee. "I am terrified."

Kavanaugh, Ford Both Turn Emotional Telling Their Version Of Events

By ROBERT BARNES, SEUNG MIN KIM and ELISE VIEBECK
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The most consequential Supreme Court opening in a generation gave rise to the most bitter Senate hearing in memory Thursday, as California professor Christine Blasey Ford accused Judge Brett Kavanaugh of sexually assaulting her when both were teenagers and Kavanaugh angrily assailed Democrats for pushing what he said were false charges to "blow me up and take me down."

The day began with an emotional punch as a self-described "terrified" Ford, her voice shaking at times, described in stark detail being pinned on a bed by a drunken Kavanaugh at a high school gathering.

Hours later, the drama escalated as a seething Kavanaugh faced the Senate Judiciary Committee from the same chair and adamantly denied her charges.

"You may defeat me in the final vote, but you'll never get me to quit. Never," the red-faced and defiant nominee told Democrats.

The 53-year-old federal judge was often tearful and paused for gulps of water as he spoke about the toll that the allegations by Ford and two other women have taken on his wife, his children, his parents and his friends.

"This has destroyed my family and my good name," he said, adding: "This whole two-week effort has been a calculated and orchestrated political hit, fueled with apparent pent-up anger about President

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Daylong Testimony Has Connecticut Residents Glued To Their Screens

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People across Connecticut were riveted to their screens Thursday, watching history unspool in a wood-paneled hearing room of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Like the Challenger explosion and the O.J. Simpson verdict, time seemed to stop as citizens paused to watch Christine Blasey Ford testify about the night, more than 30 years ago, that she says Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her. Kavanaugh, testifying separately, vigorously denied the allegation in an angry, and at times tearful, rebuttal.

While TV pundits expounded on political fallout from the hearing, it was Ford's harrowing and deeply personal tale that gripped many viewers, and brought up a host of complex emotions for survivors of sexual abuse.

"She stands for all of us who haven't been listened to our whole lives," said Christina Montana, 65, of Granby, who said she was a victim of sexual assault as a child. "She's a hero."

Although she's a self-described political

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PROJECT OVER BUDGET

Dillon Stadium To Receive Aid

Team Owner, Foundation Pledge $2.7M

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HARTFORD — The owner of Hartford Athletic, the new soccer team scheduled to play at a renovated Dillon Stadium this spring, and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will contribute as much as $2.7 million to cover cost overruns at the historic stadium in Colt Park.

The Capital Region Development Authority, the agency overseeing a $10 million rehabilitation of the facility, has said it is struggling to stay within its state-funded budget. Workers at the site discovered that the concrete bases anchoring the massive bleachers were outdated and wouldn't fit many modern seating systems. They also found that the stadium was a foot higher on one side than the other.

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PROBATE SHOWDOWN

Carman Seeks Trust Fund

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NATHAN CARMAN questions his aunt, Valerie Santilli, left, as she sits next to attorney Michael Georgetti during a probate hearing Thursday in West Hartford. He is seeking access to a trust fund.

Aunt Balks, Says He Killed Grandfather

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The normally mundane proceedings of a probate court were more like a showdown Thursday between Nathan Carman and his aunt Valerie Santilli, who didn't hold back telling him under oath she has always believed that he killed his grandfather and that she was sure when his boat was lost at sea he would return and his mother wouldn't.

The two relatives sat less than 10 feet apart as Carman, acting as his own attorney, questioned her about why she

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Cemetery Filling Up
The state is trying to gauge demand for plots in the State Veterans Cemetery as the acreage fills.
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Cuddly 'Smallfoot'
The new animated film, "Smallfoot," is a cuddly adventure about a yeti who sets out to prove that humans exist. **Living, Page D1**

Scott Burrell To Be Honored By Huskies
UConn basketball alum and SCSU coach to join Huskies of Honor in November. **Sports, Page C1**

ACA Price Drop
Premiums for Affordable Care Act "silver" plans are expected to head downward next year in most states. **World & Nation, Page A3**

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